

MRFSS Facts and Figures

Massachusetts 1998



Five Frequently Encountered Fish 1998					
Species	Number Caught (Thousands)	Number Harvested (Thousands)	Pounds Harvested (Thousands)	Number Released (Thousands)	Mean Length (Harvested Fish)
STRIPED BASS	7,392	208	2,974	7,184	32.5"
ATLANTIC COD	928	370	2,448	558	25.5"
BLUEFISH	747	237	1,555	510	24.1"
SCUP	744	322	277	422	9.9"
SUMMER FLOUNDER	618	383	776	234	17.2"

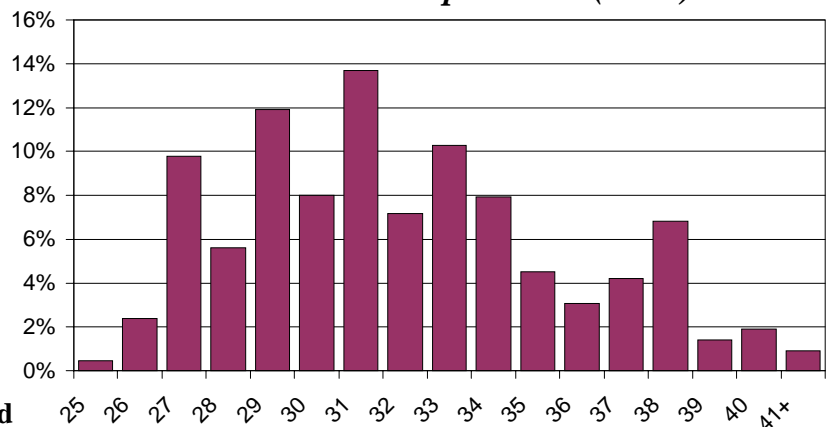
Length data are reported as fork length. (For most species = tip of snout to fork in tail).

Striped Bass
Morone saxatilis



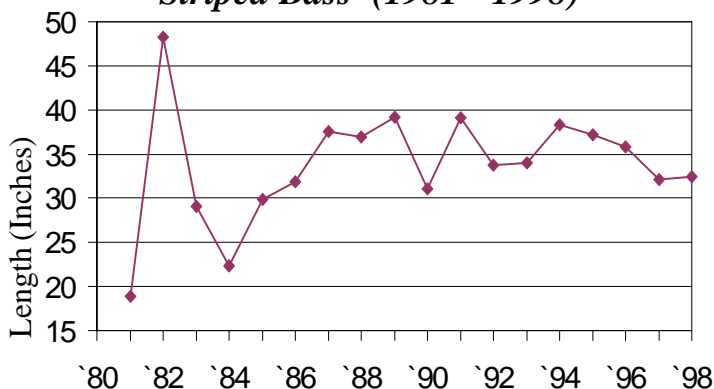
Since 1981, MRFSS field personnel have identified over 70 species of marine fish landed in Massachusetts.

Length Distribution (in inches)
Harvested Striped Bass (1998)



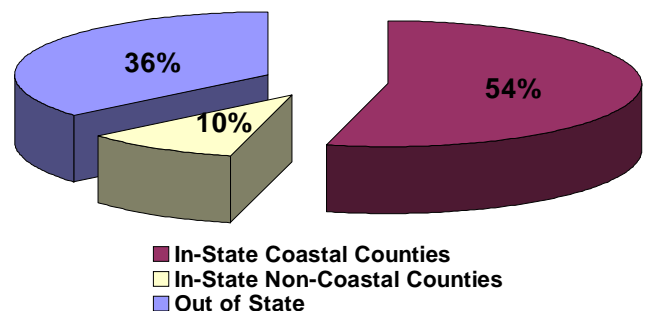
In 1998, over 50% of harvested striped bass averaged between 29 and 33 inches in length.

Average Length of Harvested Striped Bass (1981 - 1998)



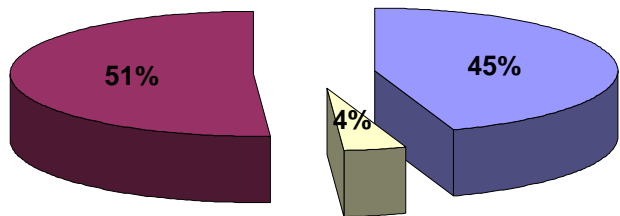
The average length for striped bass in 1982 is based on relatively few observations and should be viewed with caution.

Massachusetts Anglers' Area of Residence (1998)



In 1998, nearly 635,000 anglers participated in Massachusetts' Marine Recreational Fishery.

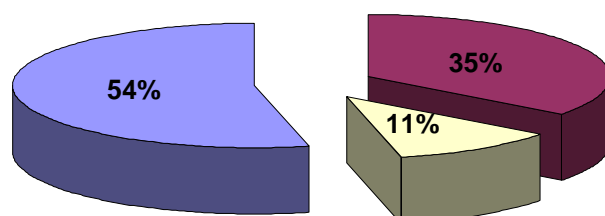
Saltwater Fishing Trips by Fishing Mode (1998)



Shore Party/Charter Boat Private/Rental Boat

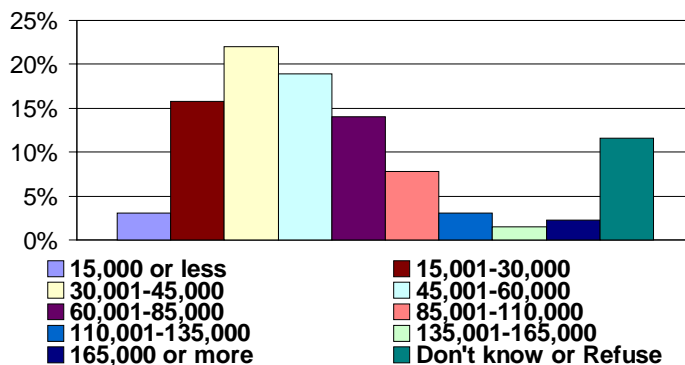
In 1998, anglers took nearly 3.5 million saltwater fishing trips in Massachusetts.

Saltwater Fishing Trips by Area Fished (1998)

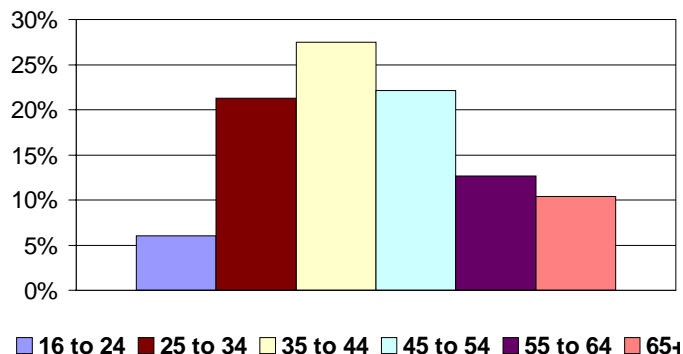


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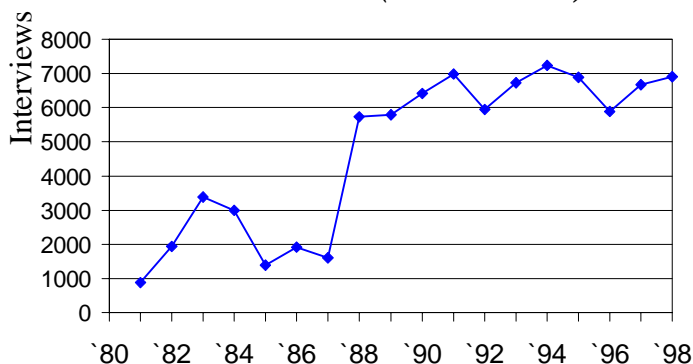
Income Distribution for Massachusetts Anglers (1994)



Age Distribution of Massachusetts Anglers (1994)



Number of Completed Field Surveys Massachusetts (1980 - 1998)



In 1998, MRFSS field personnel completed 6,896 surveys in Massachusetts.

Large increases in the number of completed interviews represent years in which state contributions increased the total MRFSS sample size.

In 1998, contributions by the Massachusetts Division of Fish and Wildlife increased the number of completed field surveys by 231% over the base MRFSS.

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